



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The public health community protects and improves the health of all people, and works to help communities be great places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS: The public health community plays a crucial role in promoting good health and greater longevity for Minnesotans, by working to immunize people against disease; identifying and controlling environmental health hazards and infectious diseases; improving the health of mothers and children; and promoting healthy behaviors such as increased physical activity, good nutrition, and smoking cessation; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's public health professionals develop new strategies to detect and control disease outbreaks, address emerging environmental contaminants, provide valuable information to people about health care costs and quality, prepare for large-scale emergencies, and promote healthy communities; and

WHEREAS: Public health combats health inequities shaped by social, economic, environmental, and political conditions as well as institutional racism; and

WHEREAS: Improving the health of those experiencing inequity – including Minnesotans of color; American Indians; rural Minnesotans; immigrants and refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer communities; and people with disabilities – will result in improved health for all; and

WHEREAS: Telling the story of public health helps to build and sustain safe and healthy communities for the State of Minnesota and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-8, 2017, as:

## PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE